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What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

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Scholar in Residence SHABBAT, MARCH 6-7

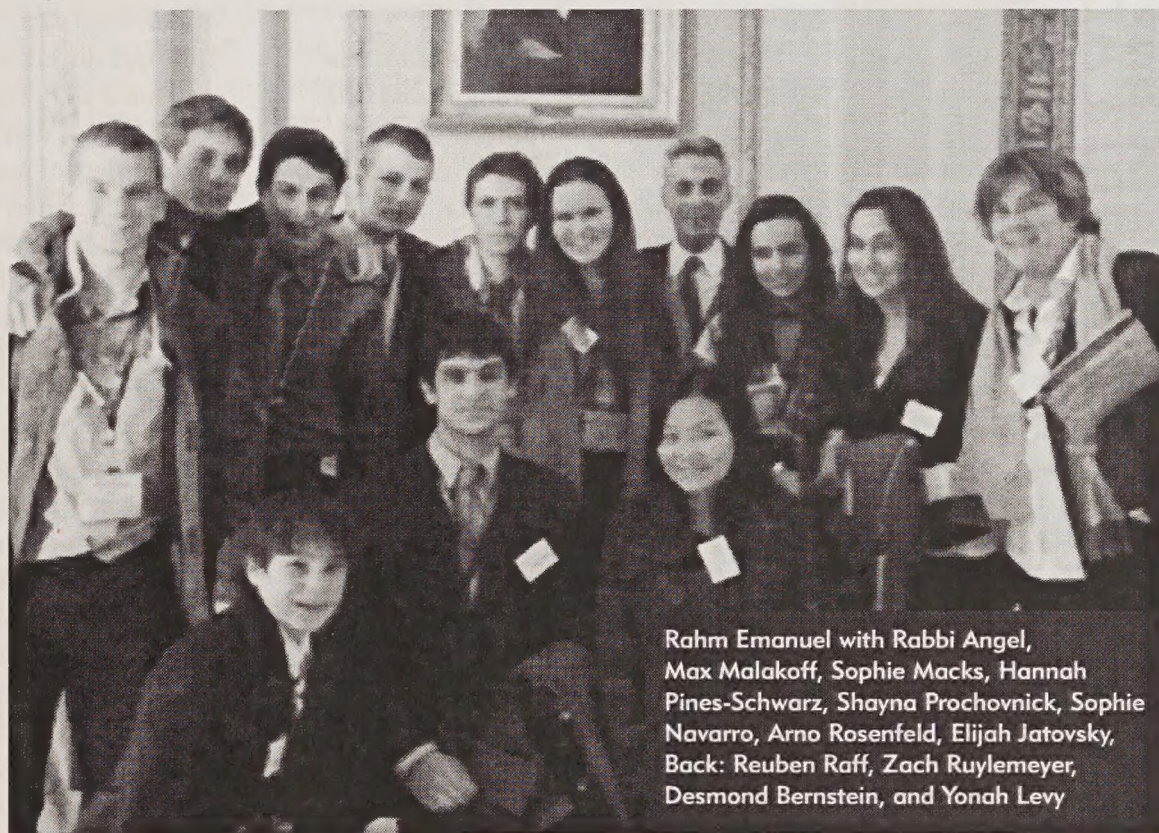
We are excited to welcome Chai R. Feldblum, Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, as our Jeffrey A. Miller Scholar-in-Residence for Spring 2009. Professor Feldblum is a scholar in law, sexuality and morality, a leading voice in the field of LGBTQ law, and an inspirational force for the moral involvement of faith communities in public life. She will be teaching during Friday night Shabbat Services (8:15pm), at a noon lunch program on Saturday, and giving a more formal talk at Havdalah (7:00 pm) titled "Why Prop 8 is not Kosher." This talk is co-sponsored by NCLR, BALIF, PJA, EQCA, and the LGBT Alliance.

CSZ's 2nd Annual Purim Pajama Party Palooza!

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 - 6:30 PM

Come out one and all for our fabulous Purim Pajama Party. You say, "Nu? So why a Pajama Party?" Because the story of Esther features the ultimate sleepover, with guests invited for a 180 day feast - so, why not? This is an inter-generational event for the whole community.

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Rahm Emanuel with Rabbi Angel, Max Malakoff, Sophie Macks, Hannah Pines-Schwarz, Shayna Prochovnick, Sophie Navarro, Arno Rosenfeld, Elijah Jatovsky, Back: Reuben Raff, Zach Ruylemeyer, Desmond Bernstein, and Yonah Levy

Teens Take Capitol: Justice Ensues

Just days after President Barack Obama's inauguration, eleven of Beit Sefer's post-bnei mitzvah class went to Washington DC, accompanied by Rabbi Angel and RAC Trip Youth Advisor Greg Lawrence. Hosted by the Religious Action Center (RAC), the Union for Reform Judaism's political arm in Washington, our young adults were in DC to learn how to put their Jewish values into action while socializing with 250 Jewish peers from all across the country.

The weekend culminated with a trip to Capitol Hill, where in good Sha'ar Zahav tradition the teens lobbied the offices of Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Rep. Pelosi on issues they cared about, including healthcare (including the passing of S-CHIP to include the children of immigrants), an end to the genocide in Darfur (including calling for appropriate training for the peacekeepers and an International Violence Against Women Act), social justice in the work place (including a transgender inclusive ENDA), and a peaceful two state solution in Israel.

Teens also understood and were proud that they represented LGBT Jewish families in the Bay Area (of our 11 students on the trip, 6 have partnered lesbian parents and two have a lesbian mom and a gay dad). Rabbi Angel encouraged these students to consider sharing about their family with their new peers in order to concretize the notion of LGBT families to people all across the country. This led to deep learning moments both across and within the groups. Talk about Pride!

On pages 12 and 13 you will find a chronological account of the weekend from the sparkling perspective our leaders of tomorrow.

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These, and These



BLESSING FOR Israel found in our siddur on page 49:

Holy One, remember the covenants You made with Noah, with Abraham, and with Hagar, and cause Your rainbow of peace to spread over the holy land. May all the children of Abraham come to learn to live in the land in peace. May Israel once again be the land of milk and honey to all who dwell there.

Everyone knows the old joke about 2 Jews = 3 Opinions. We Jews are known for sharing more than one point of view. Controversy has been part of Jewish life from time immemorial. In fact, most of the rabbis of the Talmud had "sparring partners" who would often give opposing opinions to their own. These opposing opinions are considered so valuable that they are recorded in the Talmud, and are studied to this very day.

Take the example of Rabbi Shammai and Rabbi Hillel, two rabbis who famously disagree about absolutely everything. A story is told of one such verbal wrestling match that apparently was especially heated. At the height of their controversy, a *bat kol* (*hashamayim*), a daughter's voice from

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of adversaries."**

heaven, comes down and thunders, "*Alu v' alu, divrei Elohim chayyim!*" "These, and these, are the words of the living God!" What does that mean? The words of Shammai and Hillel, "these" and "these," were both holy even if they seemed to contradict each other. Honorable controversy and debate themselves are holy in Judaism.

Such debates, however, can only be holy if we approach them in the spirit of holiness. Even when we disagree with one another, we must treat our adversary not as an enemy but

as a beloved member of our family. We need to strive to better understand each other, to love and to accept one another despite our differences.

This is our challenge, what Rabbi Marc Gopin has called "the arduous discipline of perpetual personal contact with a wide variety of people." I quoted Rabbi Gopin at Rosh Hashanah, when I challenged each one of us to 'develop one new friendship with someone whose opinions are Strange, are Other than our own.'"

"Who is strong?" the rabbis ask. They then answer their own question, "They who are able to make friends of adversaries."

The following guidelines should govern our debates:

Our words must be spoken with care.

Dissent is acceptable; delegitimization is not.

No stream of Judaism, no Jewish organization, has a monopoly on love for the people of Israel, the Torah of Israel, and the land of Israel.

We can learn from one another despite, and perhaps because of, our disagreements.

For me, being a Jew ultimately means being a part of a family. For me, the Jewish value of family supersedes ideology. We can disagree over just about anything as long as we promise to still respect each other Shabbes morning. Any argument over mission and practice must be debated within a framework of a shared fate and shared community.

In particular, anyone who engages in debate over Israel, Israel/Palestine, the Middle East would do well to remember:

"*Alu v' alu, divrei Elohim chayyim!*" meaning, "These, and these, are the words of the living God!"

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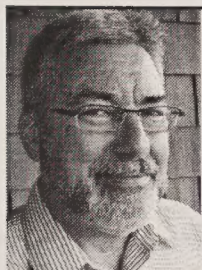
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Post-Inaugural Hopes



IN A PREVIOUS column, I paraphrased President Kennedy in writing: "Ask not what your synagogue can do for you, but what you can do for your synagogue." This month, I'm thinking about, and (mis)quoting, another president.

In January, Martin and I were in Washington, arriving three days after President Obama's inauguration. All the souvenirs were still over-priced, rows of port-a-potties still lined the mall—but HOPE was still very much in the air. And returning to San Francisco, I still feel that hope. Many of the sentiments of Obama's speech roll around in my thoughts: "Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real, they are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this [Sha'ar Zahav], they will be met."

A budget task force has been examining how we can best meet our economic needs—without sacrificing our essential services. And it's tough. Not only is our budget lacking in "fat," but we wish we could do more. Just as President Obama is looking at reinventing government, we need to look at how we can reinvent our efforts so that some of our essential needs can be met: without additional staff, without additional costs. In particular, three come to mind: Program, Oneg, and Membership.

Program: We are blessed with a strong Adult Education Committee, but planning for and executing additional programs is a challenge. Although we offer regular holiday celebrations, Scholar-in-Residence weekends, and events like Music in the Mishkan and Cantor Unplugged, there is a scramble each time to make those events successful. Too much of the work falls upon our staff, who are already over-taxed. There is tremendous opportunity here for members to take responsibility for the planning and execution of various events during the year. "For everywhere we look, there is work to be done."

Oneg: I propose two changes in our Friday night onegs. I'd like to experiment with having the oneg upstairs, so that there isn't such a break between kiddish and the oneg. And I'd like to

propose that we revive a practice from years ago, when members were responsible for setting up the oneg—and helping the facilities staff clean up afterwards. Perhaps members can even provide more of the goodies, ensuring that we have a balance of sweet and savory and interesting drinks. Onegs offer a tremendous opportunity for members to make this important social occasion more organic in content and in nature, a natural extension of the service. "For everywhere we look, there is work to be done."

Membership: Many terrific and energetic members are already involved in our Welcoming Committee—and the many new members we have welcomed into our community in the past year attest to the warmth of their welcome. But we could be better at ensuring that members continue to feel welcome and connected after they first enter our doors. At our January Va'ad meeting, we took the first steps toward forming a task force to examine how we can have a more integrated approach to ensuring that members feel connected. "For everywhere we look, there is work to be done."

"All this we can do. All this we can do. Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions, who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short, for they have forgotten what this [shul] has already done, what [queer Jews] can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose and necessity to courage."

"What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility—a recognition, on the part of every [member], that we have duties to ourselves, our [shul], and the [community], duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the price and the promise of [membership]."

We need 3-4 people to help reinvent each of these areas. Will you answer the call? I invite all who are interested in exploring the challenges raised here to contact me or Greg Lawrence to start to effect these changes, to move us forward, with hope and confidence in the community which is Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Email to president@shaarzahav.org or greg@shaarzahav.org.

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Come out in costume as your favorite Purim character; channel your inner Drag Queen or Drag King; or come out in your pajamas...but whatever you do come out and celebrate like only Sha'ar Zahav can do. There will be a hilarious Purim Spiel, wonderful Megillah reading, and delicious hamentaschen, and best of all, you be able to stay late and enjoy the fun because you'll already be in your pajamas.

Music in the Mishkan

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 4:00 PM

Music in the Mishkan, Sha'ar Zahav's chamber music concert series, celebrates its 10th Anniversary. Join us for "Bloch

Party," the second of three performances, with Randall Weiss on violin, Leslie Ludena on violin, Natalia Vershilova on viola, Victoria Ehrlich on cello, and Marilyn Thompson on piano. Tickets are \$15/20 per performance, \$40/55 for the series (Member/General Public). Call 415-861-6932 to charge or download an order form.

Social Justice Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 7:30 PM

Come be inspired by the next generation. Eleven of our teens recently visited Washington, and tonight they will deliver their messages of justice and Tikkun olam to their home community in this special Shabbat.

Kumzits: Songs of Hope

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009, 7:00-9:00 PM

Let's lift our voices in song! Please join Ami Goodman, founder of the Kumzits, the unique Bay Area Jewish sing-along, and Cantor Sharon Bernstein in a special evening learning songs of hope from across the Jewish spectrum. Bring your voices, spirits, and any musical instruments you like. No musical ability required.

JOIN!

CSZ-SFOP Organizing Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Currently, we are beginning our second inspirational "Listening Campaign," in order to truly hear the deeply felt concerns of congregants. With so much political upheaval around us, we are compelled to turn to our community to listen... and then ACT on what we hear. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Sarita Groisser at saritagi@aol.com

Welcoming Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

All are invited to join this vibrant, revitalized group as we work to make Sha'ar Zahav the most welcoming environment, to both new and longstanding members. Please contact Jim Acerra, jacerra@msn.com, or Marty Rawlings-Fein, marty@ftmsf.org for more details.

CSZ Ritual Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

We invite all CSZ members to attend meetings of the Ritual Committee. If you have great ideas about CSZ's services for Shabbat, holidays, or lifecycles, or want to get involved, we want you to join us! You don't have to be a service leader, or have any particular Jewish background. We're looking for creative thinkers and energy to make our ritual life better and better.

East Bay Chavurah

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

We invite your entire family and your friends (non-members warmly welcomed) to CSZ's East Bay Chavurah. Our evening begins with a vegetarian/vegan potluck as we share blessings and check in, while singing, eating, and enjoying each other's company. At around 7:30, adults (and teens) are invited to continue our Shabbat experience with some meaningful text-based Jewish dialogue. We invite parents of young children to take advantage of our childcare during this time. To RSVP or host a future event, please contact Jim Greenberg, jgjb@earthlink.net.

PASSOVER IS COMING!

Women's Chavurah First Night Passover Seder

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, TIME TBD

For more info, or to RSVP to the seder, email Sharon at purplemustard82@gmail.com. To find out more about Women's Chavurah events at CSZ visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/womenschavurahatcsz/>

The CSZ Home Made Passover Seder

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 5:00 PM

CSZ's "Home Made" Passover seder is back for its fifth fabulous year! Celebrate Pesach with the CSZ community at our congregational second-night seder. Space is limited - last year was a sell-out! If you have the availability, please consider volunteering to help bring this Seder to life. Please contact the CSZ office for more information and to register: 415-861-6932.

Yizkor Pesach: Service of Remembering

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 10:00 AM

All are welcome to join CSZ as we hold Yizkor services, the service of remembrance. This is a beautiful service that is traditionally held at the end of Pesach. All are welcome to join the community to say Kaddish and honor your loved ones through the mitzvah of remembering.

Post Oneg Social Group

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, ~9:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, ~9:00 PM

After welcoming the Sabbath at Sha'ar Zahav's Friday night services, we invite you to join CSZ's Post Oneg Group for some further Shabbat Joy as we visit a local restaurant after the Oneg. All Ages, All Sexual Orientations, All Genders, All Ethnicities, All Relationship Statuses Welcome! For more information about this group you can contact Jim Acerra at jacerra@msn.com. or Tony Enriquez at arnold_enriquez@hotmail.com. Please meet in the Social Hall/Oneg Room after services.

LEARN!

Rabbi's Shabbat Morning Class

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Join Rabbi Angel to study and discuss critical and current topics in the Jewish and LGBTQ communities. All are welcome.

Become a Service Leader

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AND 25, 6:45-8:45 PM

Cantor Sharon Bernstein will explain the sequence of the service and help you find your personal voice. All new service leaders are paired with experienced leaders, so don't be shy!

Reorienting Diaspora: A Bisele* Yiddish Taught by Zohar Weiman-Kelman

TUESDAYS MARCH 17, 24, 31, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

In this three-session class, we'll re-read our way into Jewish history and literature by looking queerly at Yiddish language and texts. The core of the course will be reading Yiddish poetry in English translation, by writers such as Anna Margolin and Celia Dropkin (* bisele = "a little bit"). Zohar Weiman-Kelman is a doctoral student in the Department of Comparative Literature at UC Berkeley.

Before I'd Be a Slave: Passover and the Exodus through the African-American Spiritual

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The ancient story of the Israelites' liberation from slavery has been a source of hope and a rallying cry for oppressed and struggling peoples in many parts of the world, at many times in history. Nowhere is the influence of

the Exodus story more profound than in the African-American spiritual. As we prepare for the holiday of Passover, come explore the Passover story as it is told through the Torah and through the voices of African-American music. Taught by Jonathon Thunderword and Reuben Zellman.

Jewish Music Around the World Cantor Sharon Bernstein

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 6:45-9:00 PM

From Turkey to Tunisia, Baghdad to Berlin, Verona to Vilna, Jewish communities around the world have produced an extraordinary array of musical sounds and textures. Join us as we learn about and listen to voices from the beautiful tapestry we call Jewish music

Introduction to Judaism

Taught by Rabbinical Intern Reuben Zellman

BEGINNING MAY 2009

This 20 session overview class is open to all adult learners: people of all faiths and backgrounds, CSZ members and non-members. It is an appropriate starting place for those exploring conversion or who just want to know more about Jewish life. The class will also include group experiences such as field trips and Shabbat dinner. Look for full details in the upcoming JGF and in the weekly e-mail. Ques-

tions? Contact Reuben: (415) 861-6932 ext. 306; reuben@shaarzahav.org

Sing with Pride with the CSZ Chorus!!

MONDAYS IN MAY AND JUNE, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

MUST BE AVAILABLE: FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE

26TH, 2009

Calling all our members who love to sing!! The CSZ Chorus will begin its Pride rehearsal season in May 2009. Musical background is not necessary—the only requirement to join the chorus is your commitment to being at the rehearsals and the services. The chorus will sing at CSZ's festive Shabbat Freedom service on Friday night June 26th, 2009. Please contact Rabbinical Intern Reuben Zellman to let him know that you'll be singing with us, or for more information: reuben@shaarzahav.org, or (415) 861-6932 ext. 306.

One Person's Junk = \$ for CSZ Donate to Community Thrift

We kindly ask that you donate your giveaways to the Community Thrift Store, 623 Valencia St. Drop off hours 10 am–5 pm at the receiving dock on Sycamore Alley (btwn 17th and 18th). Please tell them that Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is your charity of choice and we will receive a percentage of the sale of your donated items.

www.communitythriftsf.org, 415-861-4910

The 24th Jewish Music Festival, March 21–April 2, 2009

With Special March 8 Sha'ar Zahav Lead-in Concert

A program of the JCC of the East Bay with concerts throughout the Bay Area
This year's hopping lineup presents a boatload of artists from Germany, New York, Toronto and the Bay Area.

Kosher Gospel featuring **Joshua Nelson and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir**.
America's First Lady of Sephardic music, **Flory Jagoda**
Klezmer and bluegrass giant **Andy Statman**
Performance of **Ernest Bloch's** work at Sha'ar Zahav
American premiere of Canadian Yiddish swing sensation **Sisters of Sheynville**
CD release party for radical Yiddish group **Daniel Kahn and the Painted Bird**.

Group discounts and info: 510.848.0237 x 118, outreach@jccastbay.org

**TICKETS GO ON SALE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY,
800.838.3006 www.jewishmusicfestival.org**

Our History



I AM sure that many of you are aware that several years ago BSPM went through a significant curriculum change. Through a program called the ECE or Experiment in Congregational Education, many hours were spent reevaluating the curriculum and re-visioning the direction of the school.

I am including with this article a copy of the original ECE vision. The ECE vision was generated in 2003 has, over six

years and three education directors, morphed and changed. However, the core values of this original vision still very much inform the school, curriculum and values of BSPM.

Over the next several months, I will be writing more about the curriculum and project based learning. Please look for details and curriculum supplements in the Weekly Updates and the Bulletin. I am always available to discuss any aspect of this BSPM history and our current curriculum.

B'Shalom,
Rebecca

BEIT SEFER PHYLLIS MINTZER VISION STATEMENT

ECE Task Force, in collaboration with the Children's Education Board, September 2003

Our goal for Kadimah is to create and sustain a thriving children's education program that is thoroughly integrated with the life of the entire congregation. Our school will be a core part of a larger "congregation of learners," in which adult members—parents and non-parents alike—are partners in learning with our children. Our school will feature:

A curriculum that combines traditional Jewish education (Torah, ethics, ritual, Hebrew, history and Israel) with an emphasis on Jewish diversity and social justice, in an LGBT/queer-positive community.

A program that combines professional staff with an active corps of teen and adult members serving as teachers, mentors and role models—welcoming and valuing the skills and contributions of all members.

A welcoming of spirituality into the lives of all involved with Kadimah—adults, youth

and children—through a rich experience of Shabbat, prayer, and an active participation in the congregation's ritual life throughout the year, as well as through discussion and exploration of the meaning of God in our lives.

A strong emphasis on community building among children, their families, and other congregants—deepening and enriching our evolving concepts of family.

A sustained commitment to experiential learning (learning through doing), and to strengthening the connections between synagogue, home and the diverse urban community around us.

A creative use of resources in maintaining a dynamic program.

In all of these ways, our education program will be a school that our entire congregation takes pride in and feels responsible for. It will be a formative experience of identity for our children, a school they will be proud to have been part of, and a place where they want to be.

CALENDAR

FAMILY

Friday Night Live—A Family Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Calling all Kids! Bring yourselves and your favorite grown-ups to celebrate Shabbat with us. Designed for children 0 to 6 years, but all are welcome as Isaac Zones and Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe lead us on a dancing, singing, stomping, laughing Shabbat time. We invite you to stay for dinner—we provide pizza through the generous sponsorship of a FNL family. We encourage you to bring a vegetarian dish to share with the community as well.

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BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 4

Wednesday Class

MARCH 7

Shabbat Class-Purim

Carnival

MARCH 10

Purim

MARCH 11

Wednesday Class

MARCH 14

Shabbat Class-Celebration of Learning:

Tzedek

MARCH 17

Wednesday Class-

Spiritual Quest Class

MARCH 21

Shabbat -Tot Shabbat

MARCH 25

Wednesday Class

MARCH 28

Shabbat Class-Beit

Sefer Led Service

APRIL 1

Wednesday Class

APRIL 4

Shabbat Class-Bar

Mitzvah-Joe Weinberg

NO BEIT SEFER-APRIL

8, APRIL 11, APRIL 15,

APRIL 18

Shabbat Class

TBD

Wednesday Class-

Spiritual Quest Class

APRIL 25

Shabbat Class-Bar

Mitzvah-Joshua Muller

APRIL 29

Wednesday Class- Yom Haatzma-ut

B'nei Mitzvah



Joshua Muller is a seventh grader at the Adda Clevenger Junior Preparatory and Theater School for Children in San Francisco. He has studied piano for the past seven years, playing everything from classical music to ragtime; his musical tastes range from Broadway musicals to his favorite rock band, Queen.

Joshua has also studied taekwondo, enjoys riding his bike, playing video games, and is an avid Star Wars fan. At Sha'ar Zahav, Joshua has served as an Usher for High Holy Days for the past six years, and in 2008 he was

asked to serve as the Co-Chair of the Usher Committee.

Joshua is a regular volunteer at the San Francisco Food Bank and has been working there for four years. For the last few years, Joshua has held his birthday parties at the Food Bank. Each year this effort brought 30-40 people to the Food Bank to volunteer and learn about the important work of the Food Bank, as well as bringing in many barrels of food donations in lieu of gifts. As a result of learning about these volunteer opportunities, many of Joshua's friends have discovered the importance of donating their time to help others as they return time and again to volunteer at the Food Bank.

Joshua's family is very proud of the time and work Joshua has done to prepare for today. We would like to especially thank Steve Mazer for his excellent mentorship, Jacqui Shine for

her steadfast efforts to assist Joshua with his drash, as well as Nili Yosha and Rebecca Weiner for all their efforts to assist Joshua in his study of Hebrew.



Joseph Benjamin Weinberg, whose Hebrew name is Yosef Benyamin, will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 4, 2009. He is currently attending the 7th grade at Live Oak School where

he is an active member of the Gay Straight Alliance.

Along with being an avid participant in school plays, Joe has performed in theatre productions at the New Conservatory Theatre Center where he appeared as Charlie in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and "Whining Willie" in a Wild West adaptation of Snow White.

Joe enjoys writing poetry, listening to musical theatre, and collecting crystals. He is one of the few people you will ever meet who can tell you the difference between a chrysocola, a chrysoberyl, and a chrysopras.

Joe has been attending Beit Sefer at Sha'ar Zahav since 2005 and would like to thank his dedicated teachers over the years and especially his Bar Mitzvah mentor Andy Fyne (who was also his brother Harry's mentor.) Joe's years of study have taught him that, when in doubt, it is always better to do the right thing. What's more, when contemplating the choice between acting and doing nothing, Joe firmly lives by the words of his favorite song from Rent and encourages others to do the same: No Day But Today.

Joe's family, his friends and his community are all very proud of him as he prepares to enter into his adulthood as a member of the Jewish people.

dialogue. We invite parents of young children to take advantage of our childcare during this time. To RSVP or host a future event, please contact Jim Greenberg, jgjb@earthlink.net.

Shabbat Ruach

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 6:00 – 7:15 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 6:00 – 7:15 PM

The monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Program, which meets every third Friday, is a rocking ruach filled Shabbat service led by former Camp Tawonga Director, Deborah Newbrun and Isaac Zones of Friday Night Live fame. Join us for a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by services from 6:30–7:15 pm.

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Tot Shabbat

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 10:30 AM

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Mazel tov to **Jim Van Buskirk** on his Welcoming to the Covenant and drash delivery on Friday, December 5.

Mazel tov to **Lisa Windesheim-Zigas** on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 6.

Mazel tov to **Richard Mikles** on his Welcoming to the Covenant on Friday, December 12.

Mazel Tov to the Drummond-Dulberg Family on the naming of Sharon and Ilana's daughter, **Ella Rose Drummond-Dulberg**: *Chaya Elka*.

Mazel Tov to **Marty Fox** and **Megan Hessel** who were married over the December 20-21 weekend.

Mazel Tov to the Orman Family on the naming of Adam and Sarah's son, **Sander Elliot Orman**: *Shimon*.

The **Buchbinder-Redseckers** welcome 9 year old **Nic** into their home. He joins **Diana, Jeane** and **Lisa** and becomes part of this ever expanding family along with older siblings **Aaron, Emma** and **Falyn**.

Mazel Tov to **Jonathon Thunderword** on his mikveh immersion on Friday, January 16.

New Members

We warmly welcome **Ethan Leib, Zoe Schonfeld, Clementine Leib Schonfeld** (2); **Tamsin Levy, Livier Bejinez, Kaia Levy-Kanenaga** (5), and **Azi Levy** (5 months); **Davey Shlasko**; **Joe Freedman**; and **Jessie Sue Karnatz-Lazarus** and **Eli Lazarus** as the newest members of our congregation.

Naches

Yashir Koach to **Lucy Bernholz** who appeared on December 9th's radio program entitled *Marketplace*.

Yashir Koach to **Jenni Olson**, who's 7 minute film *575 Castro Street* got into the 2009 Sundance Film Festival!

Mazel Tov to the entire Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer, community for December 13th's BSPM Led Services. An extra special Mazel Tov goes out to the following people who were all honored with the consecration of their life long Jewish education: **Joshua Roni Bernard-Pearl, Kai Solomon Bernard-Pearl, Elijah Hansen, Shai Garcia-**

Goldberg, Naftali Bojdak-Yates, Delia Anderson-Colson, Chaltu Bernstein, Eliana Chalmers Frank, Golden Landis Von Jones, and Julia Shorofsky.

Yashir Koach to **Avidan Novogrodsky-Godt**, who eloquently shared his family story through a project he did with COLAGE this past fall.

Thank You to those who volunteered to make our Pre-Chanukah party and absolute success: **Barbara Cymrot, Erik Henriques, Lisa Finkelstein, Martin Tannenbaum, Sara Haber, Kevin Johnson, Danny Kodmur, Bobbie Becker, Lucy Bernholz, Merle Malakoff, Nancy Levin, Sarita Groisser, Rita Losch, Alan Gordon, Ida Kuluk, Alex Ingersoll, Shoshana Levenberg, Marty Rawlings-Fein, Avi Goldberg, Shelli Rawlings-Fein, Aaron Danzig, Larry Wong, Andy Fyne, Lou Fischer, Hershey Hirschkop, Howie Hahn, Andrea Guerra, Ray Bernstein, Ami Zusman, Cate Whiting, Vanessa Eisemann, Judith Wolfe, Flavio Epstein and Rebecca Weiner.**

Yashir Koach to Sha'ar Zahav chorus, who performed beautifully on

Shabbat Chanukah, Friday, December 26: **Vanessa Eisemann, Cameron Kaplan, Cassie Angley, Joan Goldman, Lynn Kaplan, Nancy Kates, Rose Katz, Shoshana Levenberg, Amy Schustack, Becki Tinsley, Danny Kodmur, Greg Lawrence, Davey Shlasko, Henry Carrey, Steve Elman, Tony Enriquez, Phil Charney, Nancy Levin** on piano, and of course, the fabulous director, **Reuben Zellman**.

Yashir Koach to **Carol Dawson Rose** who was recently hired as Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Systems, Advanced Community Health and International Nursing Program at UCSF.



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Teens Take Capitol

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Our trip would not have been possible without the resources of modern day travel. At the onset of our journey, as we entered the Virgin America airplane, we were bombarded by pink, violet, purple, and blue lights; it was essentially a flying club. What a contrast to the school bus from the 70's we traveled on through the week! However, the bus was by far everyone's favorite component of the traveling. We socialized with kids from different states from all over the nation, from New Mexico to Pennsylvania. (Max Malakoff, 14).

The first night, after Shabbat Services, three people came to talk about homelessness. Two of the three men who worked for this coalition against homelessness had actually been homeless in their lives. Both of them, who shared their personal stories with us, had wrestled with mental illness. I was never able to understand homeless people or give them the respect that they deserved. Listening to these people talk made me more aware that homeless people are still people, and deserve the same amount of respect as anyone else. I am now able to see how anyone can become homeless, even hardworking people! (Hannah Pines-Schwartz, 14).

When we started our trip, Rabbi Angel had a talk with us about coming

In Senator Boxer's Office. Clockwise from Bottom Left: Sophie Macks, Hannah Pines-Schwartz, Zach Ruylemeyer, Sophie Navarro, Arno Rosenfeld, Greg Lawrence, Yonah Levy, Max Malakoff, Desmond Bernstein, Elijah Jatovsky, Reuben Raff, Shayna Prochovnick

out to our peers. If we had gay or lesbian parents we should speak up, while the rest should talk about going to an LGBT congregation and supporting the larger community. Looking around the table I could tell that everyone else had the same reaction as me – this would be a hard task. But as the trip continued, I learned that coming out about my parents is much easier with friends around to help. Every time someone made this step, we would tell each other our story. There were no bad reactions and every time someone else knew my story, I felt more confident. This trip gave us a great opportunity to teach other Jews our age about the Jewish LGBT community (Shayna Prochovnick, 14).

Upon arriving at the Holocaust museum, my initial thought was, "Oh boy... more depressing and redundant information." But I was beyond incorrect. Every person's story was different. The exhibit that touched me the most was a narrow hallway with a picture of hair, tons of it. I learned that the hair of each victim was shaved off before death and used to make slippers, coats, bumpers for boats, and more. It was

disgusting, and displayed such disrespect. But as I stood there, I was reminded that this was exactly what we as humans do to animals. I left the museum feeling sympathy (for the victims), disgust (toward the Nazis), shock (regarding the forms of torture), and sadness (for all the innocent people who lost their lives). (Sophie Navarro, 14).

Although I've been to D.C. dozens of times, this was my first time visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum was vivid, informative, and at times it was difficult to continue through the exhibits. I took particular interests in the stories about revolutionaries. I have always been told the events of the Holocaust in a fashion victimizing the Jews. It was refreshing to hear of groups of Jews who took events into their own hands. Now, when I think about the Holocaust, I not only see the sad, painful, helpless faces, but the noble and brave warrior sect in Jewish culture. (Reuben Winters Raff, 16).

On our second night in Washington, after dinner in Georgetown, all of the RAC trip congregations went to the Jefferson Memorial for Havdalah. We are all used to the images of the White House, Washington Monument, Capitol Building and Lincoln and Jefferson memorials. But, for many of us, this was the first opportunity to experience the monuments in person. Earlier on Saturday night in Georgetown, Max, Elijah, and I decided to tag along with a congregation from Albuquerque, NM. It was fun to meet new people from different parts of the country, and we were able to become closer with them as we got to the monument in the freezing cold. (Arno Rosenfeld, 14).

After each morning's service, a guest speaker would come speak to us about an issue related to the theme in the service. Sunday morning, a woman came to talk to us about the conflict in Israel, then one of the volunteers read statements about the conflict: if we agreed we held up a blue card, if we disagreed a red card, and if we were unsure, a yellow card. It really surprised me how negative so many people were about Palestinians. For example, the statements "The majority of Palestinians

don't want peace," and "The conflict is primarily the Palestinians' fault," were followed by many blue cards in the air. This experience gave me a wake up call. It made me realize that even though this was a group of Reform Jews, that doesn't mean that they are going to agree with me. This then prompted me to wonder what the opinions of non-Reform Jews would be (Sophie Macks, 15).

Sunday morning we had a presentation about the ongoing conflict in Israel with the Palestinians. It started with an informative slide show on the current situation and everything that led up to the present day conflict (starting with biblical times). After the slide show we split up into groups. Our group felt we must protect and stand behind Israel, but not forget the fact that we must help the people of Gaza and the West Bank that we have effected, while raising awareness that violence will not help their situation, it will only worsen it. Furthermore, we must call for a peaceful two state solution while we help establish the infrastructure of this new Palestinian state (Desmond Bernstein, 16).

An important component of the RAC trip was the Shuk program, an opportunity to choose from one of a handful of legislative social justice issues in which we could delve deeper and become more educated. I got placed in the LGBT Civil Rights group, which, one might say, was appropriate to my interests. It was in this discussion that I "opened up" to my fellow RAC peers about my San Francisco LGBT inclusive synagogue and queer family. This was a point of momentum for me during this trip; opening up to these Jews from various places was liberating, in a sense. The reactions seemed appropriate to me; most were silent, others mumbled "whoa" or "aah." The kid next to me began to ramble about his experiences with queer associations of his own while he had lived in Los Angeles. The Legislative Assistant expressed interest and sympathy in my family's plight against Prop 8. I smiled, nodded, and felt relieved. I realized the fight for civil rights of all minorities, including the plight of the LGBT community, is not only fought by San Franciscans such as our synagogue. Even if they don't realize it, the Reform

Jews, such as those on the RAC trip, stand with us (Zach Ruylemeyer, 16).

On Sunday afternoon we got a chance to walk around the Mall and visit some of the museums. We went to the National Gallery art museum to see some modern paintings and sculptures. Afterwards we quickly ran through the National Archives to see the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. It was a unique experience walking along the Mall with the election having been so recent. It seemed as if all of Washington D.C. was at work, since we encountered few people. My favorite part of the day was standing outside the Newseum and seeing the front page of a newspaper from each state the day after President Obama's inauguration. It felt like the whole country was on the same page again (Yonah Levy, 16).

I have been socially active for many years—attending rallies, sending letters to officials, and doing many other activities. I usually felt good about my work, but I was skeptical about whether the people I sent letters to would actually read them or whether what I was asking for, like cleaning up part of a lake, would

actually make a difference. With this weekend's lobbying experience I felt that I truly was making a difference because I was speaking with people who had the power to make a *big* difference! At some points in our conversations with legislative staff members they would jot down a note, which they would relay to their respective senator/representative. This made me feel great because they were writing down a comment that I had said! So, in a way, I was actually speaking to a United States Senator/Representative (Elijah Jatovsky, 15).

The last time we would be traveling on this journey was our plane trip back to SFO. I am currently living this piece of the traveling component as I write. The plane is full now, as opposed to our incoming flight where half of the seats were empty. The sky has all the colors in the universe on the horizon. The black leather seat on my back feels as if I were sleeping on a cloud. Think about it, without travel, our trip to D.C. would not have been possible. "Half the trip is the stuff you do, the other half is getting there and back." (Max Malakoff, 14).



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Here is a list of committees, a brief description, and the name of the committee chair. You can look up their contact information in your directory (sent to all members) or get information from the Sha'ar Zahav office, (415) 861-6932. If you are not sure what you want to do, contact Sara Haber, Volunteer Chair, at sara.haber@finisar.com.

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Sarita Groisser
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Ritual Committee

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Plan services, find service leaders, discuss changes to services, help create a rich spiritual life at Sha'ar Zahav.

Children's Education Board

Kelly Cytron
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Adult Ed

Laura Lowe and Reuben
Plan our adult education program of classes offered throughout the year.

Welcoming Committee

Jim Acerra, Martin Rawlings Fein and Ellen Murland
Find and welcome new members; help current members feel connected.

Program Committee

Plan special programs like Pride week. Currently, no chair, but you'll get lots of help if you want to volunteer!

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Visiting the sick is a mitzvah. Help us fulfill that. Again, no chair, but lots of help for volunteers available.

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Jo Ellen Green Kaiser and Karen Schil
Publish newsletter, put out PR about events, market Sha'ar Zahav to the outside world and work to improve internal communications (including website)

Finance

Merle Malakoff
Plan ahead for Sha'ar Zahav's financial well-being, especially important in these tough times!

Fund Development

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Raise funds to support our operations and programs.

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We extend heartfelt condolences to the following CSZ members on the death of their loved ones:

Tom Lakritz, on the death of his aunts, Mary Fried and Doris Federhar

Abi Weissman and **Marc Lipschutz** and the death of their friend, Dan Kliman, a tragic loss to the entire Sha'ar Zahav community.

Ron Edelman, on the death of his cousin, Daniel Edelman.

Lucy Bernholz, on the death of her mother, Kathleen (Kit) Bernholz

Kelley Clements, on the death of her father, Harold Clements.

Allan Berenstein, on the death of his second father, Harold Schwartz

Neil Hart, on the death of his dear friend, Millie Budetti.

Chanah Harei-Orr, on the death of her aunt, Miriam Silverstein

Ellen Berger, on the death of her cousin, Rayna Gabin; resident of the Jewish Home and friend, Barbara Stamper; and very close friend, Bruch Michael Paine.

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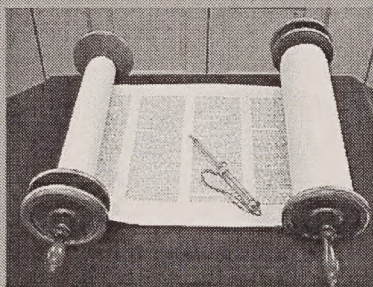
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	7 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	8 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	9 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7:00 pm SFOP meeting	10 ADAR 6:00 pm Friday Night Live Scholar in Residence 8:15 pm Shabbat Service	11 ADAR 9:00 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Purim Carnival Scholar in Residence 12:00 noon Lunch and session 7 pm SIR havdalah on Why Prop 8 is not Kosher
12 ADAR 4:00 pm Music in the Mishkan 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	13 ADAR Erev Purim 6:00 pm Pajama Palooza	14 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	15 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	16 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 7:00 pm Welcoming Com meet	17 ADAR 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	18 ADAR 9:00 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service
19 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	20 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	21 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 7:00 pm Re-orienting Diaspora class	22 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 6:45 pm Service Leading	23 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 6:45 pm Va'ad meeting	24 ADAR 6:00 pm Shabbat Ruach 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Social Justice Shabbat	25 ADAR 9:00 am Torah Study 10 am Rabbi's Shabbat class 10:15 am Shabbat Service 10:30 pm Tot Shabbat
26 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	27 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	28 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service 7:00 pm Re-orienting Diaspora class	29 ADAR 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	1 NISAN 6:30 pm Ma'ariv service	2 NISAN 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	3 NISAN 9:00 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service Beit Sefer led service
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11 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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12 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service
7:00 pm Before I'd be
a Slave class

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13 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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14 NISAN

5:00 pm Women's
Chavurah
First Seder

8

15 NISAN

5:30 pm Community
Second Seder
Office closed

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16 NISAN

7:00 pm Shabbat Service

10

17 NISAN

9:00 am Torah Study
10:15 am Shabbat Service

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18 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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19 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

13

20 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

14

21 NISAN

10:00 am Yizkor service
Eighth day of
Pesach
Office closed
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

15

22 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service
6:45 pm Va'ad Meeting

16

23 NISAN

6:00 pm Shabbat Ruach
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

17

24 NISAN

9:00 am Torah Study
10:15 am Shabbat Service
7 pm Kuzmits, Songs
of Hope

18

25 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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26 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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27 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

21

28 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service
6:45 pm Jewish Music

22

29 NISAN

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

23

30 NISAN

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

24

1 IYYAR

9:00 am Torah Study
10:15 am Shabbat Service
Josh Muller's
Bar Mitzvah

25

2 IYYAR

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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3 IYYAR

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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4 IYYAR

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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5 IYYAR

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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6 IYYAR

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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